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S.E. Conte Mattioli Pasqualini
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Sir:

His Majesty, King Victor Emanuel, is an Honorary Member of this Society. Because he is known and respected for his contributions to numismatics and for his interest in the advancement of this science, I beg that you will lay before him this appeal for his aid.

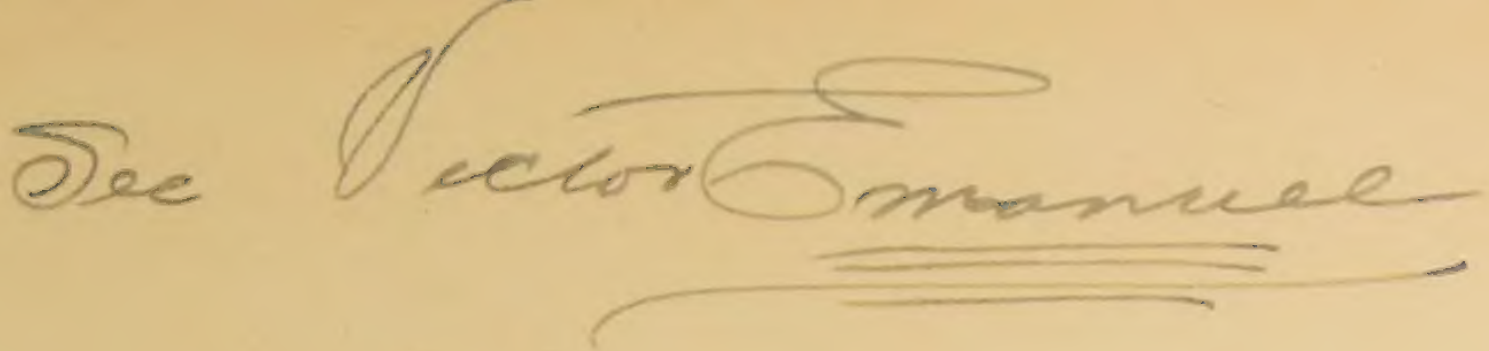
During the past year, our President, Mr. Edward T. Newell, an authority on the coinage of Alexander the Great, visited a number of the numismatic collections in Italy. He experienced some difficulty in arranging for admission to a number of the collections of coins - but especially to the one at Naples. The rules of the Naples Museum did not permit his taking impressions of important pieces he found there; and although it was promised that casts would be prepared and sent to him, after an interval of nearly a year they have not yet been received - doubtless the reason for this lies in the conditions brought about by the War.

For several years I have been engaged in the study of the coins of Metapontum, a Greek colony in the southern part of Italy. During the coming summer, I hope to be in Italy for the purpose of studying the coins of this city in the collections there. I am especially anxious to secure information regarding the hoards which have been unearthed in, or near, this district. These Finds, as His Majesty will of course understand, are of the very greatest importance in arranging such a series.

May I, therefore, ask that you kindly place before His Majesty my request for aid? Perhaps the suggestion of a general letter addressed to the Directors of the several Galleries which may be visited asking their co-operation and especially requesting that they give me any information they may have with regard to hoards, would meet with His Majesty's approval.

With assurances of my cordial esteem, I beg to subscribe myself

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

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